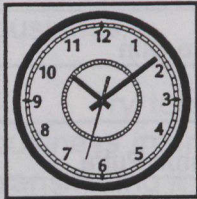


TIME DIFFERENCE

Malaysian time is 12 hours ahead of Canadian Eastern Standard Time, 13 hours ahead of Daylight Savings Time (October-April).

BUSINESS HOURS



The Muslim week is observed in the states of Kelantan, Kedah, Johore, Perlis and Trengganu. In these states, businesses close on Thursday afternoon and all of Friday, but are open on Saturday and Sunday. All other states observe the more familiar weekend of Saturday and Sunday.

Business hours for government departments are 8:00 am to 4:15 pm Monday to Friday and 8:00 am to 12:45 pm on Saturday. Lunch breaks are from 12:45 pm to 2 pm Monday to Thursday, and 12 noon to 2:30 pm on Friday (to allow for prayers).

Banks are open from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm on full working days and from 9:30 am to 11:30 am on half days.

Commercial organizations are open from 9 am to 5 pm. Most shopping outlets and restaurants have flexible hours and remain open late in the evening.

HOLIDAYS



Public holidays in Malaysia reflect the country's multi-religious character. All states observe a common base of 11 public holidays. In addition, each state observes as a holiday the birthday of the ruler or governor of the state and two to four religious holidays; check these with the Canadian High Commission if you are planning to visit any of the states. Holidays marked with an asterisk are based on the Islamic lunar calendar and alter every year.

January 1	New Year's Day
January 31 - February 1	Chinese New Year
February 1	Federal Territory Day
March 3, 4	Hari Raya Puasa*
May 1	Labour Day
May 10	Hari Raya Qurban*
May 14	Wesak Day*